

JOY McDANIEL ACADEMY OF DANCE & GYMNASTICS

FALL NEWSLETTER- ARLINGTON www.joymcdanieldance.net

The dance & gymnastic year is now well under way. We would like to thank all the parents and students for their patience and cooperation during Registration Days and the first few weeks of classes. We are excited about a great year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at 867-1972.

REMINDERS

- Please do not send sick children to dance & gymnastics. If they did not go to school because of illness, do not send them to dance or gymnastics.
- Do not leave students unattended in the waiting room. Our staff cannot be responsible for students who are not in class. Children waiting on siblings in class must be with a parent/guardian due to safety issues.
- Please make sure names are in all belongings brought into the studio.
- Please send slip on shoes to put on after class to keep dance shoes from getting ruined.

TUITION REMINDERS

- Tuition is due the 1st lesson of the month. A late fee of \$10 will be added if tuition is not paid by the 15th of the month. Monthly reminders/statements are not sent out
- Please put your child's name on your check. If you are paying by cash, please put the cash in an envelope with your child's name on the outside.
- Remember there is no deduction in tuition for missed lessons and there are no make up classes.
- The monthly tuition is averaged out over the entire dance year – the five week months compensate for the three week months.
- Remember- we offer electronic payments. You may take advantage of starting automatic payments at the beginning of any month, just fill out a form & return it to Joy. Forms are at the front desk.

OBSERVATION DAYS FOR DANCE & BEGINNER CLASSES

- We will have an Observation day during your child's class on Tues., October 6 & Thurs., October 8 for all dance & gymnastic classes. Due to limited space, no more than two observers per student and no babies.

ARLINGTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

We would like for the studio to participate in the Arlington parade on Saturday, December 5. We are in need of a generator, a trailer and someone with a truck to pull it. We are also asking for volunteers to help us decorate the float. If you can help us with any of this, please see Ms. Courtney or call 867-1972.

CHRISTMAS DANCE PERFORMANCE

The dancers will perform in December at our Christmas show. The date will be posted as soon as it is available. Girls will wear black leotards & pink tights and we will add inexpensive trim. In our Christmas show each dance class will perform one routine. In the past few years we have had our show at St. Benedict High School

STUDIO DECALS

Our Company Class is a group that performs & competes around town during the year representing our studio. They will be doing various fundraisers during the year to help defray their competition and travel costs. The first fundraiser they will do is studio decals for your car. Details and order forms will be passed out this week.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dance & Gymnastic Classes Observation Day - week of Oct. 5 (during your child's regular class)

Thanksgiving Holiday - studio closed November 25- 29

Arlington Christmas Parade – December 5

Christmas Break - studio closed December 18 - January 3 (classes will resume Jan. 4)

Studio Rehearsal - May 14

Stage Rehearsal - May 19, 20, and/or 21

RECITAL - MAY 22

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- Our Spring Recital will be May 22 at Germantown Performing Arts Centre. We will have a rehearsal at the Arlington studio on May 14. Mandatory stage rehearsals will be on May 19, 20, and/or 21. (Younger students and gymnastic students will be assigned to be at one --Joy will have schedules in March.)
- Please do not plan vacations between May 15– May 22. Each rehearsal is very important and students must be at the stage rehearsal in order to be in the recital. If you have a conflict with any of the rehearsal dates, you must notify Joy in writing before January 1. Please check on graduation dates (High School & Kindergarten.)

COSTUME INFORMATION

- Since costumes add excitement and a professional quality to our recital, all of our students perform in costume in our May Recital. Combination dance classes will have two costumes & other classes will have one per subject. Since costume companies are taking longer to process orders, costumes must be ordered in December so that we will have them by May. Your first non-refundable costume payment of \$30 per costume will be due by Nov. 19. The balance of the costumes will be due by January 28th. Any costume deposits received after Nov. 19th, please add \$15 per costume for separate shipping charges.
- We will have a recital meeting and observation day the week of January 18th. At this meeting we will show pictures of the costumes, explain costume pieces & accessories, go over how the Recital & rehearsals are run, explain picture days and other important “recital time” information. If you have any questions before then, please ask!

****To our 2008-09 students and parents - Thank you so much for the monetary gifts & gift certificates you gave us at the Recital. Your generosity was very much appreciated! Joy, Kim, & Courtney.****